

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the Tuesday May 1, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger, P. Payton, L. Tavtigian. Also attending was P. Collington, Chair, Education Subcommittee.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Minutes from April 3, 2007 were approved with all in favor.

Award

K. Abbott and L. Chambers (Planning Board member) received the NJEF Grass Roots Leadership Award on April 14, 2007 at the New Jersey Environmental Federation annual meeting. Abbott and Chambers also were presenters at an NJEF workshop on pesticide-free lawns and parks.

Event

Wed., May 23, 8-9 am, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Morris County Green Table. "Guide to Forest Restoration Strategy."

Notes

Most current web address for Chatham Township GIS

[http://idv.civilsolutions.biz/login.aspx?username=Chatham&password=C\\$8!4&siteservice=ChathamTwp](http://idv.civilsolutions.biz/login.aspx?username=Chatham&password=C$8!4&siteservice=ChathamTwp)

Username Chatham, password C\$8!4

Morris County GIS tax data website at <http://www.gti.net/mocolib1/realty.html>.

Applications/LOI Review

- NEW. 674 RIVER RD. 1-26-07. Block 62.08, Lot 17. Wetlands NJDEP General Permit application for installation of a sanitation sewer house connection to the newly installed municipal sewer lines. P. Payton will review. Open.
- NEW. 1 KARLIN DRIVE AND 614 FAIRMOUNT AVE. 4-9-07. Block 17, Lots 82 and 81.11. Subdivision application to Planning Board. Proposal to subdivide off the rear 2 1/2 acres of lot 82 (leaving 3/4 ac. fronting on Fairmount Ave.) and add the 2 1/2 acres to lot 81.11, which is the last house on Karlin Dr. O. Raadam, S. Hoag will review. Open.
- NEW. 72 SOUTHERN BLVD. 4-6-07. Block 69, Lot 15. LOI application to establish boundaries and resource classification of wetlands. The SW corner towards the road is the low point but there is already a drain in place. No letter to NJDEP required. O. Raadam. Closed.
- PENDING. 130 MEYERSVILLE RD. 3-9-07. Block 12, Lot 11. Application for LOI, and also General Permit & Individual Transition Area Waiver for cutting of trees & vegetation, and expansion of existing structures. Proposal to subdivide into 2 lots and build one new house. Transition Area Waiver requested from NJDEP to extend backyard of proposed new lot. S. Hoag. Open.
- PENDING. SUSAN DRIVE. 12-22-06. Block 20, Lot 20. Application to Board of Adjustment for variances to construct one house. Steep slopes, no height variance required because of new height ordinance. Board of Adjustment denied request for a 3 story building. Plans are being revised. Conservation easement will be requested on steep slopes. D. Stillinger. Open.

Letters sent in April 2007: 148 Meyersville Rd. to NJDEP, Shunpike Field to NJDEP. Also, thank-you letters to Riverside Cleanup sponsors - Chatham Disposal Co., ShopRite of Chatham, Mr. James Johnston of the New Providence Department of Public Works - and all participants.

### Reports

- Education Subcommittee – P. Collington – Chatham Courier and Independent Press are interested in periodic articles and columns. Plan for 2007 and first article, on recycling, were approved.
- Planning Board – L. Caprioglio – Build-out analysis should be completed by end of May. Potentially responsible parties are working on a remediation plan for Rolling Knolls Superfund site.
- Open Space – S. Hoag – Commission working with county on marking Fairmount, Southern, and Green Village Streets for bike path. Letters have been sent to potential sellers of property along bike way.
- Report on Electronics Recycle Saturdays, April 7 & 14. Total of 290 cars dropped off items, two 40 cubic yard dumpsters were filled, 15 volunteers helped to unload cars, Jay McGroarty of the CT DPW provided extraordinary assistance. Cost of dumpsters is paid for out of a NJDEP Clean Communities grant. Project was spearheaded by Teri Hough, former EC member and current member of the Board of Adjustment. Suggestion by several people to hold one E-cycle event in October and another in May, instead of having two consecutive events in May. EC approved having one E-cycle on Sat. Oct. 13, 2007 and another E-cycle Saturday in mid-May 2008.
- Report on Riverside Cleanup. M. Bammel and D. Stillinger sent thank-you letters to every name on S. Carroll's sign-in sheets. On Saturday, April 21, 2007, CTEC held its fifth annual Riverside Cleanup along a 3/4 mile stretch of Township property adjacent to the Passaic River starting at the bridge on Passaic Street and ending before Chatham Glen. Participants included 40 Girl Scouts and 7 leaders, at least 4 Boy Scouts and a leader, two members of the Sierra Club, 46 local residents, and several EC members with their spouses or children. The event was organized and staffed by Commission volunteers who donated cookies, donuts, and soft drinks, took photos, managed the sign-in, and helped to clean up trash. Special thanks to the generous sponsors of the event:

CHATHAM DISPOSAL CO. For the fifth year in a row Chatham Disposal Co. donated pickup of debris from the Cleanup, this year amounting to 45 bags of trash, a bed spring, and assorted tires, hub caps, and other metal pieces.

SHOP-RITE OF CHATHAM. For the fifth year Shop-Rite donated supplies including work gloves and plastic garbage bags.

NEW PROVIDENCE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. For the fifth year the NP DPW made parking available at its maintenance yard.

### Action Items

- Draft tree protection ordinance. EC members will review and send comments to M. Olmstead, Chair of the Tree Protection Committee.
- Anti-idling ordinance. Will be discussed at June meeting. Commission will support anti-idling campaign. K. Abbott, M. Bammel.
- Energy inventory/audit. Good progress is being made on reviewing Township energy bills. S. Carroll, K. Abbott, J. Mathews.
- Conservation easement ordinance language changes. Revised language will be presented to Township Committee. S. Hoag, L. Caprioglio.
- Status of letter urging Planning Board to have applicants submit site plans in digital format. S. Hoag.
- Conservation easement on-the-ground data collection project. First five sites visits will be 5/5/07. D. Stillinger, S. Hoag, L. Caprioglio.

Mail received (not including applications and event notices mentioned above)

Minutes of Chatham Borough EC.

Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Minutes prepared by D. Stillinger.